

REMARKS

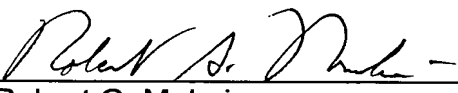
By the instant Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been amended to address some inadvertent errors or misprints upon translation from the original Japanese language application. In addition, original claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 21-58 have been added so as to present claims without using multiple dependency. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to submit other claims within the scope of the original multiple dependent claims or supported by the specification.

Favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be a need to discuss any aspect of the present application, the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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